

## Bearcat Bytes: Josh Steele

January 24, 2022

Bearcat-of-the-Week honours went to defenceman, Josh Steele. He came to the Bearcats via the December trade with the Summerside Capitals. In his four Bearcat games, he displayed a desire to jump into the play, giving the team a higher degree of mobility. He was well-coached and has been an impact player from the get-go.

He's been moving north to find competitive hockey since he was thirteen. Beginning in 2015-2016, he started a path that landed him in Truro. He spent two years playing with the TPH Thunder U-13 club in Duluth, Georgia. The 2017-2018 season was spent in South Kent Connecticut



Josh Steele

playing with the Selects Academy U-15 Program. He followed this up with three seasons with the Rothesay Academy U-18 program playing across Canada and the United States. After 10 games with the Summerside Capitals, he came across the Strait to the Bearcats. Fans are anxious to see his game grow.

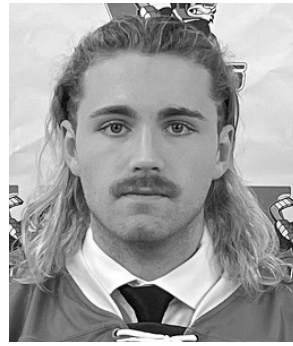
## Bearcats acquire King, Cook from Edmundston

January 6, 2022

The Truro Bearcats have acquired defenceman Brant King and forward Jacob Cook from the Edmundston Blizzard for defenceman Zach Welsh.

Zach Welsh, an 18-year-old, was selected by Truro in the 8th Round, 114th overall, in the 2019 MHL Entry Draft. In his rookie season of 2019-20, Welsh had four assists in 44 games. He spent last season with the Cape Breton Eagles of the QMJHL and played four games this season with the Sherbrooke Phoenix.

Brant King was traded from the Valley Wildcats to Edmundston in November and played just four games with the Blizzard. In 14 games this season, the 21-year-old has five assists. Playing the last two seasons in Valley, King compiled six goals



Brant King

and 26 assists in 79 games.

Jacob Cook is a 17-year-old forward from Guysborough, N.S. who has six goals and ten assists in 27 games this season with the Cape Breton West Islanders. He was selected in the 7th Round, 75th overall, but Edmundston in last summer's MHL Entry Draft.

## Bearcat Banter: Waiting for the Groundhog

January 10, 2022

There's no doubt about it. The MHL return to play date is a moving target.

In December, the MHL paused play until January 5th. The pause was extended to January 16th with play to start on January 20th.

Last week, public health restrictions were extended to the end of this month, with start-up slated for February 2nd.

It's obvious, the MHL is doing its best to cooperate with the restrictions and protocols in place in the three Maritime provinces.

It's also obvious, the MHL wants to provide hope that

play will resume. Like last year, no stone will be left unturned.

So, the target is now set for Groundhog Day. That's a lot of pressure on Shubenacadie Sam, having to determine when Winter ends, when Springs begins and, now, when hockey begins.

In the meantime, the MHL has its work cut out and decisions to be made.

The schedule has been reduced from 52 games to 42 games, due to the time remaining, playoffs and the commitment to be prepared for the Fred Page Cup, to be followed by the National Championship.

If health restrictions allow

for an earlier return to play, the revised schedule would be further revised to accommodate that change.

As it stands right now, the earliest date the Bearcats would be back as a team is January 27th. Here's hoping.

One thing unchanged in all of this is the January 10th Trade Deadline. The Bearcats aren't standing pat.

Late last week, the Bearcats acquired twenty-year-old defenceman Brant King and the rights to seventeen-year-old forward Jacob Cook from the Edmundston Blizzard.

The Blizzard, in return, acquired the rights to Zach Welsh, a 2019 Bearcat draft

pick currently with the Sherbrooke Phoenix.

This weekend, the Bearcats traded Dell Welton to the Fredericton Red Wings for the rights to forward, Tully Grant and a third-round pick in the June draft.

At the time of this writing, the Trade Deadline was still open. It's no secret Truro was looking to add a forward to bring the number up to thirteen.

There are no games, but there's plenty of action.

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## SHORELINE JOURNAL EDITOR'S UPDATE: January 30, 2022

The MHL has again had to postpone its schedule for a further 2 weeks of until the middle of February 2022, due to CoVid restrictions.

## CJHL alumni make-up large portion of men's Olympic roster

January 26, 2022

CALGARY, Alta. - As Hockey Canada officially announced the men's roster for the upcoming Winter Olympic Games, you'll find a solid contingent Canadian Junior Hockey League (CJHL) alumni that are on the squad.

The line-up sees 13 former CJHL players named to the team, including all three goaltenders.

This includes 2019-20 CJHL Most Valuable Player, top rookie and best goaltender award winner Devon Levi, who starred that season with the Carleton Place Canadians (CCHL) and is currently in his sophomore season at Northeastern University (Hockey East).

Fellow netminders, Eddie Paquale (Wellington Dukes/OJHL) and Matt Tomkins (Sherwood Park Crusaders/AJHL), were also named to the Team Canada side.

The following is the list of CJHL alumni named to the Canadian Olympic roster:

PLAYER	NAME	POS	CJHL TEAM(S)	LEAGUE	PLAYER	NAME	POS	CJHL TEAM(S)	LEAGUE
Devon	Levi	G	Carleton Place Canadians	CCHL	Corban	Knight	C	Okotoks Oilers	AJHL
Eddie	Pasquale	G	Wellington Dukes	OJHL	Jack	McBain	C	Toronto Jr. Canadiens	OJHL
Matt	Tomkins	G	Sherwood Park Crusaders	AJHL	Adam	Tabellini	LW	Sherwood Park Crusaders	AJHL
Alex	Grant	D	Antigonish Bulldogs	MHL	Eric	O'Dell	C	Cumberland Grads	CCHL
Mat	Robinson	D	Calgary Royals	AJHL	Eric	O'Dell	C	Ottawa Jr.A Senators	CCHL
Daniel	Carr	LW	St. Albert Steel	AJHL	Daniel	Winnik	LW	Wexford Raiders	OJHL
					Mason	McTavish	C	Pembroke Lumber Kings	CCHL

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